

# Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number {N(9)A}

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Centrelink customer reference number
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	CRN; Centrelink reference number
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270098
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	A personal identifier assigned by Centrelink for the purposes of identifying people (and organisations) eligible for specific services, including some public health care services, such as oral health services.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—government funding identifier</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Centrelink customer reference number identifier {N(9)A}</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	{N(9)A}
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	10

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	The CRN should only be collected from persons eligible to receive health services that are to be funded by Centrelink. The number may be reported to a Centrelink agency to reconcile payment for the service provided. The data should not be used by private sector organisations for any purpose unless specifically authorised by law. For example, data linkage should not be carried out unless specifically authorised by law.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	The Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) is provided on 'Health Care Cards' and 'Pensioner Concession Cards'.
<b>Comments:</b>	When a person accesses health services on the basis of being a Centrelink customer, collection of the CRN is usually necessary. This data should not be collected and recorded if it is not needed to support the provision of such health services.

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Standards Australia
<b>Origin:</b>	AS5017 Health Care Client Identification

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Person—government funding identifier, Centrelink customer reference number N\(9\)A](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 12/08/2008

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

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**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Health care client identification](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

[Health care client identification DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

[Health care client identification DSS](#)

[Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013